

2 FAM 1260

ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL DATA REQUESTS AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS

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2 FAM 1261 CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR REPETITIVE SINGLE-TIME ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL DATA REPORTING

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a. Economic/commercial data requests and related communications prepared by any Federal agency or a component of the Department of State, must be submitted to an appropriate substantive office of the Department for final clearance and coordination before being sent to posts abroad. Drafting officers should obtain any other clearances they consider necessary prior to submitting the request for final clearance. All reporting requests levied on posts abroad must also be cleared with the appropriate country director or, in cases where several countries are involved, with the appropriate regional office of the geographic bureaus concerned.

b. The appropriate substantive office is determined by the subject matter of the economic/commercial reporting request, in accordance with the following:

Subject and Appropriate Office

Aviation Affairs

Office of Aviation (EB/TCA/OA)

Commercial Affairs

Office of Commercial Affairs (EB/TCA/OCA)

Communications Affairs

Office of International Telecommunications Policy (EB/TCA/TD)

Development Finance

Office of Development Finance (EB/IFD/ODF)

East-West Trade

Office of East-West Trade (EB/ITP/EWT)

Energy Technology

Office of Program Implementation (OES/NET/IM)

Environmental Affairs

Office of Environmental Affairs (OES/ENP/EN)

Export Finance

Office of Development Finance (EB/IFD/ODF)

Fisheries Affairs

Office of Fisheries Affairs (OES/OFA/FA)

Food Policy and Programs

Office of Food Policy and Programs (EB/ORF/OFP)

Foreign Investment

Office of Investment Affairs (EB/IFD/OIA)

Fuels and Energy

Office of Fuels and Energy (EB/ORF/FSE)

International Commodities

Office of International Commodities (EB/ORF/ICD)

International Trade Policy and Negotiations

Office of International Trade Policy (EB/ITP/OT)

Joint Cooperation Commissions

Office of Special Bilateral Affairs (EB/IFD/OSB)

Labor (Economic Data and Reports Request)

Office of Commercial Affairs (EB/TCA/OCA)

Maritime Affairs

Office of Maritime Affairs (EB/TCA/MA)

Monetary Affairs

Office of Monetary Affairs (EB/IFD/OMA)

Nuclear Energy Affairs

Office of Program Review and Development (OES/NET/RD)

Ocean Affairs

Office of Marine Science and Technology Affairs (OES/OFA/MST)

Population Matters

Office of Population Affairs (OES/ENP/PO)

Restrictive Business Practices

Office of Business Practices (EB/IFD/BP)

Science and Technology

Office of Technology Policy and Space Affairs (OES/APT/SA)

Other

Office of Commercial Affairs (EB/TCA/OCA)

c. The term "economic/commercial data reporting request" means any communication requesting one or more Foreign Service post to obtain and submit information on economic, political-economic, socio-economic, technological or commercial topics. If any office or agency is in doubt whether a proposed communication to a post constitutes a request for economic/commercial reporting by the Foreign Service, or is uncertain as to which office should clear the request, it should consult the Office of Commercial Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB/TCA/OCA).

d. Reporting or data requests should meet one of the following criteria:

(1) Importance to U.S. Government interests or objectives.

(2) Need as background for legislation, or to provide information to the Congress.

(3) Necessity to support U.S. business activities deemed consistent with official objectives.

Requests should only be made for information which is not available in a timely manner from alternative sources, such as the Combined Economic Reporting Program (CERP) publications or international organizations. Requests coming within the scope of the CERP schedule will continue to be coordinated and cleared by the Office of Commercial Affairs.

For additional guidance on economic/commercial topics on which it is appropriate to request data, see 10 FAM, *Economic Affairs*.

2 FAM 1262 CLEARANCES ON PUBLIC LAW 480 MESSAGES

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a. Messages relating to Public Law 480, the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, Titles I and II, must be cleared with the Office of Food for Peace (FFP), Agency for International Development (AID). The Office of Food for Peace maintains liaison with the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with interagency agreements and delegated

authority, and is responsible for obtaining clearance from the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture will clear messages originating in their agency (except routine operational matters) with State/AID through the Office of Food for Peace (FFP).

b. In the Department, offices concerned include appropriate desk officers, regional bureaus, the Office of Food Policy and Programs (EB/ORF/FFD), Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, the Agency Director for Agriculture (IO/AGR), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, and other entities of State/AID concerned with Public Law 480 programs.

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